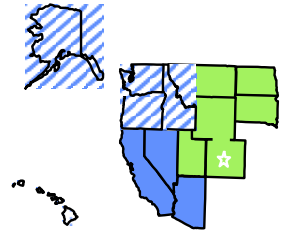




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FEDERAL AGENCY NEWS & REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) INFORMATION

AIR INFORMATION:

FINAL RULE – REVISION OF NSR RULES – On 7 November 2003 (68 FR 63021), EPA revised regulations governing the major New Source Review (NSR) programs by including a definition of "replacement unit" and clarifying that the plantwide applicability limitation baseline calculation procedures for newly constructed units do not apply to modified units. The revisions will be effective 6 January 2004. For further information, contact Lynn Hutchinson, EPA at (919) 541-5795, or e-mail: hutchinson.lynn@epa.gov.

FINAL RULE – NESHAP FOR MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIC CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING – On 10 November 2003 (68 FR 63851), EPA promulgated national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for miscellaneous organic chemical manufacturing facilities. The final rule establishes emission limits and work practice standards for new and existing miscellaneous organic chemical manufacturing process units, wastewater treatment and conveyance systems, transfer operations, and associated ancillary equipment and implements section 112(d) of the Clean Air Act by requiring all major sources to meet hazardous air pollutants (HAP) emission standards reflecting application of the maximum achievable control technology (MACT). The HAP emitted from miscellaneous organic chemical manufacturing facilities include toluene, methanol, xylene, hydrogen chloride, and methylene chloride. The standards will reduce HAP emissions by 16,800 tons per year from existing facilities. The NESHAP was effective 10 November 2003. For further information, contact Randy McDonald, EPA at (919) 541-5402, or e-mail: mcdonald.randy@epa.gov.

FINAL RULE – NESHAP FOR SURFACE COATING OF METAL CANS – On 13 November 2003 (68 FR 64431), EPA promulgated NESHAP for metal can surface coating operations located at major sources of HAP. The final standards require these operations to meet HAP emission standards reflecting the application of MACT. The HAP emitted by these facilities include ethylene glycol monobutyl ether and other glycol ethers, xylenes, hexane, methyl isobutyl ketone, and methyl ethyl ketone. The final standards are expected to reduce nationwide HAP emissions from major sources in this source category by approximately 6,800 tons per year. The NESHAP was effective 13 November 2003. For further information, contact Paul Almodovar, EPA at (919) 541-0283, or e-mail: almodovar.paul@epa.gov.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – REGIONAL HAZE GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS – On 17 November 2003 (68 FR 64894), EPA announced the availability of guidance to assist states in implementing federal regulations governing regional haze. These documents address the establishment of natural visibility conditions and the tracking of progress under the regional haze program. For further information, contact Neil Frank, EPA at e-mail: frank.neil@epa.gov, or link: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/visinfo.html>.

WASTE INFORMATION:

PROPOSED RULE – IDENTIFICATION AND LISTING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE – On 20 November 2003 (68 FR 65585), EPA proposed to modify its hazardous waste management regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) for certain solvent-contaminated materials, such as reusable shop towels, rags, disposable wipes and paper towels. This proposal affects contaminated industrial wipes being sent to both landfill and non-landfill (e.g., laundries and combustion) facilities and is applicable to: industrial wipes exhibiting a hazardous characteristic due to use with solvents; or industrial wipes contaminated with F001-F005 spent F-listed solvents or comparable P- and U-listed commercial chemical products that are spilled and cleaned up with industrial wipes. Comments are due by 18 February 2004. For further information, contact Kathy Blanton, EPA at (703) 605-0761, or e-mail: blanton.katherine@epa.gov.

WATER INFORMATION:

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – SMALL SYSTEM GUIDE TO SAFE DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS EPA recently published a booklet entitled "Small Systems Guide to Safe Drinking Water Regulations – The First Step to Providing Safe and Reliable Drinking Water." The Guide provides general information about the various Safe Drinking Water Act regulations, how the regulations relate to each other, and how the regulations fit into the multi-barrier approach to drinking water protection. The guidance is posted on-line at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/smallsys/ssinfo.htm>. For more information, contact Andrew Bielanski, EPA at (202) 564-3824.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY –OFFICE OF WATER 2004-2008 STRATEGIC PLAN – EPA recently adopted a new Strategic Plan for 2004-2008. Key elements of the National Water Program are addressed in Goal 2 (Clean and Safe Water) and Goal 4 (Healthy Communities and Ecosystems). The Plan includes clear and measurable statements of environmental and health goals that EPA expects to accomplish by 2008. The Plan has contributed to the development of EPA's FY05 budget and will continue to support future budget and resource allocation decisions. The Plan is available on-line at <http://www.epa.gov/water/waterplan/>.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – NEW GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM EPA has published new guidelines for the National Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program implemented under section 319 of the Clean Water Act. These guidelines replace all previous NPS grants guidelines beginning in fiscal year 2004. The guidelines focus approximately one-half of section 319 dollars on the remediation of impaired waters through the development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), and the development and implementation of watershed-based plans. These plans provide an analytical framework for assessing the sources of water pollution; estimating the amount of pollutant reduction needed to achieve water quality standards; identifying the management measures whose implementation will enable those reductions to be achieved; and identifying financial and regulatory tools that will enable the watershed plan's goals to be achieved. These guidelines are posted on-line at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/>.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – WATER QUALITY STANDARDS DATABASE RELEASE 5.0 - EPA has recently published the Water Quality Standards Database Release 5.0 (WQSDB). The WQSDB is a single point of access to EPA and state water quality standards (WQS) information. The WQSDB provides access to several WQS reports that provide information about designated uses, water body names, state numeric water quality criteria, and EPA recommended numeric water quality criteria. It also allows users the ability to compare WQS information across the nation using standard reports. The WQSDB is available on-line at <http://www.epa.gov/wqsdatabase/>.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – PERCHLORATE TOXICOLOGICAL REVIEW – EPA has released a report summarizing a peer review of EPA's "Draft Perchlorate Environmental Contamination: Toxicological Review And Risk Characterization." Generally the review panel was supportive of EPA's work, but the report concludes with a page-long list of recommendations for additional research covering a wide range of areas. Most reviewers were opposed to one of several uncertainty factors applied by EPA in calculating a proposed reference dose of 0.00003 mg/Kg/Day. Removal of this uncertainty factor for "database insufficiencies in immunotoxicity" would presumably increase the reference dose by a factor of three. The report is available at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recorddisplay.cfm?deid=51762>. In the interest of resolving scientific questions, EPA, DoD, DOE, and NASA have referred scientific issues to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) for review. The 19 March 2003, [transmittal letter](#) to the NAS describes the scope and focus of its review. The first meeting of the NAS perchlorate review panel was held on 27 October 2003, in Washington, D.C. For further information, contact Annie Jarabek, EPA at (919) 541-4847, or link: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recorddisplay.cfm?deid=72117>.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS – TOXIC CHEMICAL RELEASE REPORTING – On 5 November 2003 (68 FR 62579), EPA requested public comment on options for reducing the burden on the regulated community associated with the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) program. EPA also solicited comments on potential enhancements to its TRI reporting software. A background paper on various burden reduction options is available at http://www.epa.gov/tri/phase2/phase_2.htm. For further information, contact Larry Reisman, EPA at (202) 566-0751, or e-mail: reisman.lary@epa.gov.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – EXECUTIVE ORDER 13287: IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE – On 19 November 2003 (68 FR 65238), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) released advisory guidelines to assist Federal agencies that manage real property in preparing the assessments and reports outlined in Executive Order 13287 (Preserve America) of 3 March 2003. The ACHP will use the agency's information to prepare its report for the President on the state of the Federal Government's historic properties and their contribution to local economic development. For further information, contact Charlene Vaughn, ACHP at (202) 606-8505, or link: <http://www.achp.gov/PA-EOguidelines.pdf>.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIUMS, AND TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS

“AN ORGANIZATIONAL GUIDE TO POLLUTION PREVENTION” WORKSHOP

9-11 December 2003 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

EPA is hosting this workshop to help organizations get P2 programs started or to reevaluate existing P2 programs. The guide presents an alternative method for working P2 projects and plans, and four approaches to implementing P2 and environmental planning within an organization. There is no registration fee for the workshop. For further information, visit the workshop website at www.epa.gov/ttnrmrl/p2workshop.htm.

APPLIED CLEAN AIR ACT

16-18 December 2003 – Orlando, Florida

RTI is offering this course for environmental professionals who are responsible for implementation and monitoring of their facilities' compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The course provides detailed information on all facets of the CAA and the 1990 Amendments. It covers the fundamentals of air pollution such as abatement equipment, monitoring, and air dispersion models. For more information or to register, call (803) 652-8830, or link <http://www.rti.org>.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

18-20 December 2003 – Richland, Washington

RTI is offering this course for personnel new to the field of waste management environmental compliance or environmental restoration, as well as persons who need an update on recent changes in environmental laws and regulations. The course will address high level waste storage in tanks and treatment for disposal; low level waste disposal; mixed waste treatment, storage and disposal; environmental compliance associated with operational or restart issues; decommissioning activities; and materials transportation. For more information or to register, call (803) 652-8830, or link <http://www.rti.org>.

CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE RANGE MANAGEMENT

5-8 January 2004 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Battelle is organizing this conference to provide a venue for exchange of information benefiting all stakeholders involved with range management issues. The technical programs will include urban growth and encroachment issues, management of airspace, noise abatement issues, air quality management, threatened and endangered species habitat protection, military munitions response program, and cleanup of munitions and explosives of concern. For more information, link: <http://www.battelle.org/rangecon>.

WATER SOURCES CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

11-15 January 2004 – Austin, Texas

The American Water Works Association is sponsoring this conference with separate tracks in Conservation, Resources Management, and Water Reuse. The conference will present the latest technological innovations and practical applications in these three topics. The newest products and services will be displayed at the Water Sources Exposition. For more information or to register, link: <http://www.awwa.org/conferences/sources/>.

ADVANCED RISK COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

13-15 January 2004 – San Diego, California

2-5 August 2004 – Salt Lake City, Utah

The Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine is presenting this workshop to instruct participants how to identify, build, maintain, and utilize strategic partnerships and plans to support an organization's mission. The workshop builds on the "Introductory Health Risk Communication Workshop" listed below (a pre-requisite for this course) and will provide participants with hands-on experience in

applying the steps of the risk communication process, on-camera media practice, and seminar-style discussions of "hot" issues impacting military health and readiness. For more information or to register, call (410) 436-3515, or link <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/risk>.

2004 NORTH AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD CONFERENCE

14-16 January 2004 – Tampa, Florida

This conference will feature 40 papers discussing cutting-edge field-based technology for environmental site characterization and monitoring. An educational exposition will include state-of-the-science environmental field equipment and services. For more information or to register, link: <http://www.envirofieldconference.com>.

CERCLA ORIENTATION AND REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY

27-27 January 2004 – Richland, Washington

RTI is offering this course for personnel that have little or no experience in the basic background and implementation of CERCLA. Participants are provided with an in-depth review of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) process as it applies to environmental restoration programs. Following an overview of the CERCLA Process, the course focuses on the RI/FS process and addresses site characterization, risk assessment, and remedy selection issues. Attention is also given to public involvement in the cleanup process. For more information or to register, call (803) 652-8830, or link <http://www.rti.org>.

2004 CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, POLICY AND ENVIRONMENT

29-30 January 2004 – Washington, DC

The National Council for Science and the Environment is presenting the 4th National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment with the theme: "Water for a Sustainable and Secure Future." The conference will explore the role of science in achieving sustainable relationships among water, people, and the environment. For more information or to register, link: <http://www.ncseonline.org/NCSEconference/2004conference/>.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF PRESERVATIVE TREATED WOOD

8-11 February 2004 – Orlando, Florida

The University of Florida and the National Science Foundation are sponsoring this conference to bring together experts in the field of preservative treated wood who will share research results and develop a research agenda for future studies. Conference topics include critical issues associated with preservative treated wood, and new technologies for managing discarded treated wood. For more information or to register, call (352) 392-1701, or link: <http://fices.org>.

McCOY RCRA SEMINAR

9-13 February 2004 – Phoenix, Arizona

21-25 June – Portland, Oregon

McCoy and Associates is offering this RCRA training with five sessions at each seminar: 1) RCRA Fundamentals; 2) Critical Generator Issues; 3) Advanced RCRA Topics I; 4) Advanced RCRA Topics II and Land Disposal Restrictions I; and 5) Land Disposal Restrictions II and RCRA Rules Under Development. The seminar is designed for hazardous waste generators, environmental managers, compliance specialists, environmental consultants, and environmental attorneys. For more information or to register, call (303) 526-2674, or link: <http://www.mccoyseminars.com>.

CLEANUP SITE CLOSURE: REGULATORY & ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

17-18 February 2004 – Idaho Falls, Idaho

RTI is offering this course for personnel who are involved in the planning and implementation of closure and post-closure activities at hazardous and mixed waste management facilities or environmental restoration projects. The course will provide an overview of RCRA requirements for landfills, storage pads, and contaminated areas. It will also cover effective ways to plan for the integration of closure among units regulated under different programs. For more information or to register, call (803) 652-8830, or link <http://www.rti.org>.

INTRODUCTORY HEALTH RISK COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS**24-26 February 2004 – Seattle, Washington****27-29 April 2004 – Honolulu, Hawaii**

The Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine is presenting these workshops to instruct participants how to identify, build, maintain, and utilize strategic partnerships and plans to support an organization's mission. The workshop will provide a basic understanding of the concepts, principles, and process of effective risk communication. Topics include: History and Philosophy of Risk Communication, Steps of the Risk Communication Process, Importance of Identifying, Understanding, and Collaborating with Key Stakeholders, Pitfalls to Effective Risk Communication, and Basic Tools for Engaging the Media. For more information or to register, call (410) 436-3515, or link <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/risk>.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW AND SECTION 106 COMPLIANCE**24-26 February 2004 – Jacksonville, Florida****20-22 April 2004 – San Antonio, Texas****20-22 July 2004 – Annapolis, Maryland**

This course emphasizes legal compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process using actual case studies. It addresses legislation and the process to meet the requirements of the law. Course content includes: the stewardship role; use of historic properties; and communications with related oversight agencies. For more information or to register, link: <https://www.cecos.navy.mil>.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE**24-27 February 2004 – San Antonio, Texas****22-25 June 2004 – Aberdeen, Maryland**

This course offers instruction in specific natural resources laws, regulations, policies, Executive Orders, DoD instructions, and other guidance, noting Service-specific requirements. It addresses stewardship, preservation and process; fish, game and wildlife management laws; protection of wetlands, waterways and other protected ecological areas; forest and land use management laws; and inter-service cooperation. This is an Inter-service Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB approved) course. For more information or to register, link: <https://www.cecos.navy.mil>.

2ND ANNUAL ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING SYMPOSIUM**1-5 March 2004 – Kansas City, Missouri**

The Army Engineer School is hosting this symposium to provide environmental training to installation (Active Army, National Guard, and Army Reserve) environmental personnel and installation stakeholders. Training topics include 1) satellite accumulation point operator; 2) hazardous materials handler; 3) HAZWOPER 8-hour refresher; 4) pollution prevention; and 5) spill prevention and response. For more information, call (573) 563-4124.

INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS**16-18 March 2004 – New Orleans, Louisiana****17-19 August 2004 – Bangor, Maine**

This course provides an integrated overview of all pertinent laws and regulations needed to understand and fulfill cultural resource management responsibilities. The curriculum is designed around a series of inter-related case studies discussed during the course. The course is taught in conjunction with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and is approved by the Inter-service Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB). For more information or to register, link: <https://www.cecos.navy.mil>.

30TH ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY SYMPOSIUM**5-8 April 2004 – San Diego, California**

The National Defense Industrial Association is presenting this symposium to provide a national forum for the exchange of technical information, government policy, regulations, programs, and law; and new ideas on environmental and energy issues, performance tracking, and areas of concern. The theme of the symposium is: "DoD Transformation Leading Towards Results-Based Environmental and Energy Programs." This event is intended for industry leaders, practitioners, environmental and energy officials, operators, and other personnel within government agencies. For more information, contact Naomi Mundy at (703) 247-9476, Or link: <http://www.ndia.org>.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE SUMMIT**19- 22 April 2004 – Baltimore, Maryland**

EPA has announced the merger of the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable Spring Conference and the National Compliance Assistance Providers Forum. This summit, titled "One Environment/One Conference," will cover advances and innovations in environmental issues and solutions, pollution prevention, and compliance assistance programs, methods, technologies and environmental policies. For more information, call (202) 299-9701, or link: <http://www.p2.org/summit2004/>.

ACCELERATING SITE CLOSEOUT**15-17 June 2004 – Dallas, Texas**

The Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable is sponsoring this conference with the theme: "Improving Performance and Reducing Costs Through Optimization." The goals of the conference are to: 1) outline long-term remediation liabilities and optimization needs and opportunities; 2) disseminate existing and emerging optimization strategies, technologies, tools, and science; 3) communicate lessons learned and identify technical, institutional, contractual, and other enhancements and encumbrances to achieving positive optimization results; and 4) present remedial optimization within the context of site-wide and multi-site management programs. For more information or to register, link: <http://www.clu-in.org/siteopt/siteopt.htm>.

2004 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CONFERENCE**15-18 June 2004 – Denver, Colorado**

EPA is sponsoring this 7th annual conference to share lessons learned and to establish and monitor its standards for community involvement. The conference will cover the entire scope of public participation, community involvement, partnership building, and outreach and education related to all aspects of environmental protection. For more information, link: <http://www.epancic.org/2004>.

9TH ANNUAL JOINT SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**16-19 August 2004 – San Antonio, Texas**

The National Defense Industrial Association is presenting this conference and exhibition ((formerly the Joint Services Pollution Prevention and Hazardous Waste Management Conference and Exhibition). The theme of the 2004 conference is "Sustaining the Force: Optimizing Readiness Through the Prevention of Pollution." For more information, contact Naomi Mundy at (703) 247-9476, Or link: <http://www.ndia.org>.

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STATE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS, LEGISLATION, AND NEWS



ALASKA

AIR INFORMATION:

FINAL REGULATION – AIR PERMIT FEES – The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has adopted amendments to its air permit fee regulations. The amendments: (1) increase the air operating permit fee for stationary sources from \$5.07 per ton to \$12.52 per ton; and (2) require stationary sources to account for emissions from equipment that temporarily replace or substitute for permanently installed equipment at a stationary source in the emissions projections. The amendments were effective 16 October 2003. For more information, contact Donald Bodron at (907) 465-5121, or link:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/50feever1.pdf>

WASTE INFORMATION:

FINAL REGULATION – HAZARDOUS WASTE REQUIREMENTS – The Alaska DEC has repealed many of its hazardous waste requirements and adopted by reference some federal hazardous waste regulations published through 1 July 2002. With this rulemaking, DEC is clarifying that a person in compliance with federal rules will be in compliance with the State's requirements. The regulations were effective 8 August 2003. For more information, contact Laura Hastings at (907) 465-5061.

Legislative Developments:

The 2003 legislative session began 21 January and ended 21 May. A summary of significant environmental legislation that was enacted and signed was included in the July Review. For more information on the legislative session, link <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/>. The 2004 legislative session will convene 12 January.



IDAHO

Regulatory Developments & Other State Information

No significant regulatory activities to report.

Legislative Developments

The 2003 legislative session began 6 January and ended 3 May. A summary of the significant environmental bills that were enacted and signed was included in the June Review. For more information on the 2003 session, link <http://www2.state.id.us/legislat/>. The 2004 legislative session will convene 12 January.



OREGON

Regulatory Developments & Other State Information

FINAL REGULATION – LEAD PAINT REMOVAL AND STABILIZATION – The Oregon Department of Human Services has amended its lead paint removal and stabilization rules. The amendments: (1) limit certification to legally registered firms; (2) expand the scope of the rules to apply to paint removal and stabilization; (3) incorporate EPA language describing lead-based paint work that can be done by a property owner; (4) adopt EPA's Identification of Dangerous Levels of Lead; (5) require that individuals removing or stabilizing paint on target housing and child-occupied facilities obtain a permit; (6) establish procedures to obtain permit; and (7) specify work practices. The amendments were effective 20 June 2003. For more information, contact Jana Fussell at (503) 731-4320.

AIR INFORMATION:

FINAL REGULATION – VEHICLE EMISSIONS TESTING - The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has adopted amendments to its vehicle emissions inspection requirements for the Portland and Medford metropolitan areas. The amendments: (1) implement an on-road clean screening program in which DEQ will identify clean running vehicles and exempt those vehicles from the traditional emissions testing; and (2) establish a program to allow self-service testing. The amendments were effective 9 October 2003. For more information, contact Jerry Coffey at (503) 731-3050, ext. 229.

WASTE INFORMATION:

FINAL REGULATION – UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS – The Oregon DEQ has adopted an amendment that modifies the existing definition of an "underground storage tank" and adds a definition of "earthen materials" to clarify the meaning of underground storage tank. The amendment was effective 15 November 2003. For more information, contact Mitchell Scheel at (503) 229-6704.

FINAL REGULATION – UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK DEFINITIONS – The Oregon DEQ has adopted permanent amendments to its underground storage tank regulations. The amendments change existing definitions to include the phrase "beneath the surface of the ground." The permanent amendments were effective 14 November 2003, replacing temporary amendments that expired on that date. For more information, contact Rachel Sakata at (503) 229-5659.

WATER INFORMATION:

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION – ASSUMPTION OF SECTION 404 WETLANDS PERMITTING AUTHORITY – The Oregon Division of State Lands is considering assumption of Section 404 wetlands permitting jurisdiction in Oregon from the Army Corps of Engineers. The assumption did not get legislative approval in 2003 and must wait until the next session in 2005. In the interim, the Division is getting a statewide programmatic general permit (SPGP) issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. For more information, contact Eric Metz at (503) 378-3805, ext. 266.

Legislative Developments

The 2003 legislative session began 13 January. The Senate adjourned 26 August and the House adjourned 27 August. A summary of the significant environmental bill that were enacted and signed was included in the October Review. For more information on the legislative session, link <http://www.leg.state.or.us>. There will be no regular legislative session in 2004.



WASHINGTON

AIR INFORMATION:

FINAL REGULATION – SOUTHWEST AIR TESTING AND MONITORING DEFINITIONS – The Southwest Clean Air Agency has adopted amendments to provide definitions for commonly used words or phrases in the air emission testing and monitoring regulations. The amendments were effective 4 December 2003. For more information, contact Wess Safford at (360) 574-3058, ext. 26, or link: <http://slc.leg.wa.gov/wsr/2003/15/03-15-098.htm>.

WITHDRAWN AMENDMENTS – PUGET SOUND NEW SOURCE REVIEW – The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency has withdrawn proposed amendments that would have adopted by reference the Washington State Department of Ecology's (DEC) new source review (NSR) program. The proposal would have removed definitions pertaining to the NSR program because the Agency would use the definitions in DEC's regulations. The amendments also proposed to adopt the State's NSR construction exemption list. The amendments were withdrawn because of local opposition; some parties considered the local NSR construction exemption list more comprehensive than the State list. For more information, contact Dennis McLerran at (206) 689-4010.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS – WASHINGTON STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – The Washington DEC has proposed amendments to its State Implementation Plan. The amendments make the local air quality agency laws consistent with State and federal requirements. Comments are due by 18 December 2003. For more information, contact Brett Rude at (360) 407-6847, or link: <http://slc.leg.wa.gov/wsr/2003/22/03-22-076.htm>.

WATER INFORMATION:

FINAL REGULATION – LARGE ON-SITE WASTEWATER SEWAGE SYSTEMS – The Washington Department of Health has adopted amendments that establish a new chapter specific to large on-site sewage systems (LOSS). A LOSS is a system with flows from 3,500 gallons per day to 14,500 gallons per day. The amendment does not add new substantive requirements. The amendments were effective 6 December 2003. For more information, contact Marianne Seifert at (360) 236-4103, or link: <http://slc.leg.wa.gov/wsr/2003/18/03-18-091.htm>.

Legislative Developments

The 2003 legislative session began 14 January and ended 27 April. A summary of significant environmental bills that were enacted and signed was included in the June Review. For more information on the legislative session, link <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm>. The 2004 legislative session will convene 12 January.

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